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WORK OF THE GRAND JURY.

The special grand jury summoned to inquire into charges of bribery made against a former member of the Board of Aldermen yesterday returned a true bill of indictment against John M. King.

So far so good. Let the work go on. The public demand that all charges and insinuations against councilmen and police officers shall be sifted to the bottom and the truth obtained, so far as it is possible to find it.

When the grand jury have completed their work, we hope that they will submit in writing to Judge Witt a detailed report of their investigation. Let the public be taken into the confidence of the jury, and let us know all about it. Let us have a full and frank exhibit, such as the St. Louis grand jury recently made under similar conditions. The people of Richmond are intensely interested, and want to know all about it.

A VIRGINIAN FOR PRESIDENT.

There is a slowly growing demand for a Southern candidate for the presidency, and it is significant that two sons of the ever young mother of Presidents have been named for the honor. The more conspicuous of the two, Virginia's Governor, was mentioned at a gathering of peculiar national interest, but while Mr. Montague's name was taking shape through the smoke wreaths of the love feast of primitive Democracy in New York, away out in Los Angeles, Mr. Bird S. Coler, the Manhattan Diogenes, was enjoying a siesta at the California Club and listening to the prophecies of the friends of Judge Eskrine Ross.

The Ross argument is a very plausible one. Judge Ross is one of the strongest men in the far West. He is Southern through and through. The Democratic party would be nothing without the South, and the West is its close ally. Both sections are demanding recognition in the leadership of the party. Ross can carry both sections by storm. Also by his conspicuous success at the bar and his highly conservative course on the Federal bench, he has demonstrated his ability to hold high office; and he has won the confidence of the North and East.

Eskrine Mayo Ross was born and raised at Belpre, in Culpeper county. His brother Dr. George M. Ross, lives in this city. As a manly boy his talents and courage were trained and tried at the Virginia Military Institute. In the cadet battalion he charged the battery and fought the German mercenaries at Newmarket. At the battle of Slaughter's Mountain his conspicuous gallantry won him the personal compliments of Stonewall Jackson. Removing to California after the war, his ability at the bar won him rapid advancement. In the Chinese riots at Los Angeles, in one of the late seventies, he led the law and order element that stopped the slaughter and subdued the mob. His decisions which broke up the great American Railway Union, or "Debs," strike gave him national prominence as an able fearless jurist, and he was so eminently impartial and fair-minded that the former strikers are themselves among his present strong supporters for higher honors.

Some of the California newspapers, notably the Los Angeles Express, are booming the judge for President. They don't have thunderstorms out there, but political lightning some times strikes from a clear sky.

TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

Recurring to the question of underpaid teachers in Virginia, there is this phase of it which is not to be overlooked. We shall never have a first-rate system of public schools in Virginia until teaching becomes a profession, and teaching will never become a profession until the pay of teachers is sufficient to induce cultivated men and women to adopt teaching as a permanent occupation. To many men and women take up teaching as a makeshift. This is particularly true of men. Young men fresh from college take a school for a little while because it offers them temporary employment. But at the first opportunity they quit the school-room to engage in some other occupation. Nor can they be blamed, for no ambitious young man is willing to teach indefinitely in the public schools of Virginia at the very poor compensation that the State allows and with little or no prospect of advancement. He never so intelligent and diligent and faithful the pay which he receives is barely enough to give him a scant living, while the work is hard, the duties exacting and the responsibilities great.

And so we have in our public schools a number of teachers who have no idea of making this their permanent profession, but who teach for the lack of some thing better to do and always with the idea that they will shake the dust of the school-room from their feet at the first favorable opportunity. It is impossible for us to have successful schools with teachers who expect to get away from the work as soon as they can. The successful man in any profession or business is he who takes up that branch of work, whatever it may be, with the determination to stick to it and to bend all his energies and talents in that direction. Under such conditions he gives his best thought and attention to his work, throws his whole heart and soul into it and labors on with a single purpose in view. This should be particularly true of the man or woman who undertakes to teach, and we shall not have a successful public-school

system until we have such men and women in charge of the schools.

A DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITY.

Leslie's Weekly thinks that it is time to ask in all seriousness whether or not the death of William McKinley marked the apogee of the Republican party. It says that while the Republicans are drifting apart on a question of trade with Cuba, the Democracy is getting together; that while such rock-ribbed Republican States as Vermont, Ohio and Pennsylvania are being torn by clashing factions, the Democratic leaders are falling into line in solid ranks and preparing for the contest of 1934. "Is our leadership lost?" it asks, then goes on to say that less than a year has elapsed since the pitiful death of the lamented McKinley, "and we find a third of the Republican membership of the Senate, representing a dozen States, nearly all Republican, in opposition to the administration."

Here is a valuable hint to the Democratic party of the United States. All is not well in the Republican household, as this Republican paper confesses, and as every observer knows. Mr. Roosevelt is by virtue of his office the leader of the Republican forces, yet he is not in sympathy with many prominent men in the Republican party, and they are out of sympathy with him. We do not believe that Mr. Roosevelt has the confidence of his party nor the confidence of the general public. He is almost morbidly ambitious, and he is as indiscreet as a child. Mr. Roosevelt is undoubtedly bidding for votes and doing what he can to gain popular favor. The conservative men in his party do not trust him, and the great interests of the country do not trust him. There is, as Leslie's Weekly confesses, dissension in the Republican ranks, and this dissension makes a great Democratic opportunity.

Unfortunately all is not so harmonious in the Democratic party as Leslie's Weekly intimates. Democratic leaders are trying to get together, but there are some who are opposed to harmony in the party, except upon their own unreasonable terms, and these are making trouble. It is for the practical men in the party to say whether or not agitators will be permitted to succeed in their efforts to prevent harmony. If the Democrats will now get together and stand together and promulgate a sound and conservative platform and nominate a sound and conservative Democrat, the party will have a splendid opportunity to win in 1934.

CHICAGO ALSO.

A Chicago grand jury is now investigating charges against two aldermen of that city. A contractor named Hanreddy says that Alderman George Seim and Alderman Stanley H. Kuny admitted to him that they were to receive \$250 each for getting a suitable train ordinance passed for the benefit of a corporation. Both aldermen deny the charge and it seems to be a question of veracity between them and their accuser.

But the charge has been made and the grand jury will do its best to get at the facts. This seems to be a bad time for the bribe-takers. St. Louis has recently laid hands on the rascals in its City Council and Chicago and Richmond are after the suspects in their respective municipal assemblies.

This is encouraging. Dishonest councilmen in all parts of the country are being put on notice. The shadows of the prison are falling over them. MAKING READY.

"I agree in what Baron Shibusawa, the Japanese banker, said in regard to our present prosperity, and his speech will reappear in my paper. In the first place, the prosperity spoken of is not universal, as claimed. The laboring man has not received an increase in wages proportionate to the cost of living, therefore he is not getting his share of prosperity. In so far as the farmers have prospered, it is due to natural conditions and not to the governmental policies of the Republican party. A large proportion of the commercial enterprises are built upon fictitious capital, and can only make dividends on their watered stock by wholesale extortion from the public. If they prosper, the people will suffer. If, on the other hand, the people prosper, protection from this extortion, the industries will have to pass through a period of reorganization. The speculator and the plunderer are making lots of money, but there is an end, and a disastrous one, to this sort of prosperity."

It is not necessary to say that the charge is the saying of Mr. William J. Bryan. Mr. Bryan is never so eloquent as when he is denying prosperity, except it be when he is talking about hard times. Mr. Bryan is evidently making ready for a calamity campaign in 1934.

In a recent interview in New York, Mr. Bryan said:

"In regard to the new party movement I only know what I have seen in the papers, and that to me seems based upon the contingency of the Cleveland-Hill element obtaining control of the Democratic party. I do not think that that contingency is likely to happen, nor do I see that any good is to come from a discussion of such a contingency."

But if the contingency does happen will Mr. Bryan bolt and join the Pettigrew party, as Editor Watterson calls it? That is the question he should answer.

In spite of the warm weather the stock market is on a boom. But Wall Street reckons not with the seasons. When stocks get ready to boom they boom, regardless of the time of the year. The danger now is that the speculation will be overdone. If even "the public" begin to earnest to buy stocks, the market will go wild and there is no telling to what extent the craze will go.

The announcement that work on Norfolk's seven million dollar shipyard will begin in sixty days is all right, but rumor has it that work in town lots about the proposed site commenced some time ago.

The Charlottesville Progress, the editor of which was a member of the Constitutional Convention, fully agrees with City Attorney Pollard in the construction of the anti-free pass law.

The Ohio Democrats claim to think they will capture a majority of the congressional delegation this fall. The Buckeye

Democrats are always hopeful, but rarely successful.

The mills of the grand jury are not noted for rapidity of movement, but they are cutting up no little dust, the fineness of which is hereafter to be determined.

Memphis has a million and a half dollar union depot on paper. Atlanta can't make hers stick even on paper, and has to be content with the old car shed.

The State had few enough qualified jurors before, and now, according to some commentators on the Constitution, it has lost them in the convention shuffle.

The coal strike is estimated to have cost the mine owners \$50,000,000—that is to say, that is the amount it is going to cost the consumers of coal.

To-night is the time set apart for Mr. Jeffries to do up Mr. Fitzsimmons, or vice versa. There is but little doubt that the whole thing will be fakish.

If the two men who will meet in the ring to-night would do their best, there would be at least one funeral to follow the fight, but they will only fake.

It is worthy of notice that the Olney Presidential boom had been buried before Colonel Bryan started for the Democratic clinch in Boston.

With a penchant for nomenclature the Louisville Courier-Journal has dubbed the alleged new political organization the "Fettigrew party."

Chicago juries, two of them, have lately been trying a number of bribery cases. Chicago will keep in fashion, if it takes all summer.

It is to be hoped the grand jury will not find it necessary to resort to the water cure to force the facts from unwilling witnesses.

Wesley Hicks firmly believes in the theory of the strict constructionists that Louisiana county has no jurors qualified to try him.

Has anybody stopped to reflect what England may think of Uncle Sam's changing the color of the army uniform to green?

Another fifty thousand dollar train hold-up comes to remind us that the dime novel of some years ago did its perfect work.

Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, depended too much on the party machine and Washington influence. He was downed.

"Tracy is on a bike and armed to the teeth, flying like the wind," is the latest dispatch regarding the daring outlaw.

What Mrs. Fitzsimmons doesn't know about what will happen in the ring to-night would fill a good-sized book.

With all the Virginia oysters in a trust the canning industry may be given some consideration.

According to the Katydids, frost is due the 11th of October, and not sooner.

With a Comment or Two.

Viva voce voting might as well take its place in the garret, along with horsehair sofas and marble-top tables.—Charlottesville Progress.

It has already done so. It got a very dark eye with a rim around it in the "Black district" the other day.

There are in Texas 100,000 more men than women. This would indicate that there is room in Texas for quite a bunch of pretty girls, and every State of the Union is invited to send them along.—Galveston News.

Here's the opportunity for the large feminine majority in Virginia.

More than 1,100 of the direct descendants of Brigham Young will assemble at the annual reunion in Salt Lake City. Of the fifty-six children left by the prophet forty-seven survived him.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A better Irish bull could not come from the Old Isle itself.

In the cellar of a Chicago woman miser, deceased, \$5,500 was found in old tomato cans.—Exchange.

Tomato cans are made to preserve things in.

In Richmond they are talking about the Hanover melon. How about the Cumberland variety?—Farmville Herald.

They are first cousins to the Hanover and almost as good.

Hon. J. T. Lawless and Hon. H. L. Maynard are fighting a little private battle of their own on the side, and Dr. Bryant is an interested spectator.—Newport News Press.

Thought the Doctor was a candidate for Congress.

Remarks About Richmond.

Richmond is becoming more and more metropolitan. Accepting bribes is now the charge against some of her ex-Aldermen.—Fredericksburg Star.

Not so much a sign that Richmond is metropolitan as that she is no better than the rest of us.—Newport News Press.

Fredericksburg Free Lance: The good people of Virginia owe Judge Witt, of Richmond, a debt of gratitude for his prompt convening of a grand jury to probe into the bribery charges made against certain ex-Councilmen of that city. We trust that every guilty party may be smothered out of the chimney of corruption.

Roanoke News: Richmond is expansion crazy. She is making preparations to become Greater Richmond. Annexation may be all right if the annexed can foot the bill, but—

Newport News Times-Herald: Gasser is a good name for the man who is going to tell all he knows about bribery in Richmond.

Policeman for Lee District.

Editor of The Times: Sir—I noticed a communication in yesterday afternoon's paper relative to the better protection and care of the Lee Monument. It is a shame that a monument so handsome and a district with so much improvement going on has no police protection. Many houses are being built there, and they are all good ones. The people who are investing there should have protection as well as the monument. One mounted policeman in Lee district who can ride around and cover the whole territory and protect the property and women and children who are there. I hope this scheme will be carried into effect.

JEFFERSON WARD.

Mrs. George Atkinson, of North Eighth Street, with Master Branham Atkinson, will leave on Saturday for Auburn, Kings William county, to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Rob. B. Littlepage.

An Hour With Virginia Editors

Referring at some length to the investigation now on by the grand jury in this city, the Charlottesville Progress, among other things, says: "As a general thing, we have considerable faith in the beneficence of such widespread 'house-cleanings.' The very fact that they are possible is wholesome in itself, and tends as a considerable safeguard against settled and 'proprietary' forms of vice."

The Appomattox Times seems to speak from previous observation in the following: "Very soon now the school trustees will begin to loom up as the prominent men of the district. Any public schools to give out? Well, that depends. In some counties they go to those qualified to teach, and in others to those who can command a few votes."

The Fredericksburg Free Lance has lost its patience also. It says: "Of the election in the Fourth District is a fair sample of the new primary plan, may the master save this district from one of them. Why, they are engaged to give anybody palpitation of the heart."

Referring to Representative Catton's flap-picking at the Constitution, the Staunton News says: "There may not be any qualified jurors over in Colonel Catton's town, Alexandria, but there are plenty of them in Staunton, or at any rate the judge of the Corporation Court thinks so, for he is now trying a felony case before twelve good and true men."

The following is from the Petersburg Index-Appeal: "Unlike our Richmond contemporaries, who present their city to the world as a summer and winter resort, the Index-Appeal does not offer Petersburg as an attraction to vacationists, though of course, that desirable class of population would be greatly benefited here. What we seek is that class of strong, active, vigorous and enterprising men who can keep up with the march of events and the progress and growth of industrial enterprise which are fast placing Petersburg in the front rank of Southern cities."

Respecting summer resorts the Roanoke Times says: "There are few States so greatly blessed as Virginia. From any city of the State, a ride of an hour or so will take the pleasure-seeker to a desirable resort, and in choice, from a dip in the briny deep to the mountains with cool sequestered vales. In variety of waters, mineral and medicinal, the State has no equal. For almost any known ailment there is a water for the healing."

Salem Sentinel: "The Salem preacher, always looking to the welfare of their hearers, have begun to shorten their sermons and the people appreciate it. Let's have short sermons."

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Miss Lilla Todd gave an "Acid Feste" in honor of her guest, Miss Beesley Rowe, of Richmond, at her home, "Valentin Hill," Highland Park, Wednesday night. The lawn was beautifully illuminated with myriads of Japanese lanterns. Refreshments, flavored with lemon, were served on the lawn. Music, singing, dancing and games were enjoyed until a late hour.

Mrs. Florence M. Davis, of East Richmond, is detained in Norfolk by sickness.

Miss Annie Clark, of Richmond, is the guest of Mrs. John C. Robertson, of Forest Hill.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Richard C. Woolfolk, of Atlantic City, Norfolk, and Miss Mae L. Stoneman, Philadelphia, Pa. The ceremony will take place at Philadelphia on August 6th at the home of the bride-elect, No. 2119 Arch Street, that city. Mr. Woolfolk is an employee of the government at Fort Norfolk.

Miss Virgie E. Walls and Mr. Edward Angel, of Atlantic City, Norfolk, were quietly married at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday night, only the immediate relatives of the young couple being present.

Mr. William Moseley, formerly of Lambert's Point, Norfolk, and Miss Pearl Schwick, of Roanoke, Va., were married Wednesday night at Roanoke, Va., by the Rev. Mr. Shipman of the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. Mr. and Mrs. Moseley will for the present reside at Roanoke.

Miss Lena B. Epps and Mr. Percy C. Kane, of Norfolk, were quietly married at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Wednesday evening. Miss Eva Davis, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor and Mr. Marshall C. Kane, brother of the groom, was best man. Rev. E. E. Hatcher officiated and the happy couple left for a visit to New York and other northern cities.

Misses Jennie and Lella Valentine, of Church Hill, are at Virginia Beach.

Miss Viola A. Diacon has returned to the city for several weeks, after spending a delightful month with her sister, Mrs. F. B. Sparran, of Dendron, Surrey county.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox and family are spending the summer in Salem, Va. The New York Herald says that Mr. and Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson deny that their daughter Letitia is engaged to Captain Richmond P. Hobson, Citizens of Bloomington, Ill., comment upon the reported visit of the Captain as a guest of the Stevensons, and insist that a wedding may be looked for in due season.

It is said that within six months Captain Hobson has paid fully a dozen visits to Bloomington, and the number of calls—and in some instances the length of the visits—tend to strengthen the belief in his engagement to Miss Stevenson.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Arthur W. Goddin has returned, after a delightful cruise in Chesapeake Bay, Mill Haven Bay and Mobjack Bay. He was accompanied by Messrs. Elijah Baker, E. A. Friend, A. W. Evans and Willie Dye and Harry White, of Norfolk.

Misses Annie and Lella Gray left yesterday morning for New York, where they will join Mr. and Mrs. James Caskie for an extended European tour. The party will sail on Saturday on the "Edvard," and will remain in Europe both on the Continent and in England for three or four months.

Miss Adele Williams and Mrs. Henry A. Williams will sail on Saturday for Glasgow, from which city they will travel through Scotland and England before visiting the Continent.

The postponement of the coronation will make it possible for the party to be present at the somewhat restricted festivities.

Mrs. Edward Robinson left yesterday for Charlottesville to visit Mrs. Preston and will later spend the month of August at the White Sulphur Springs.

Mr. John Howard will leave next week to attend the Bar Association at the Hot Springs.

Hon. James Alston Cabell left yesterday to spend his vacation at the Natural Bridge.

Mrs. Edward Mayo will leave next week to spend the month of August at the White Sulphur.

Miss Annie Gule will leave next week to visit her aunt, Mrs. Ranson, in Staunton.

Miss Ruth Glenn, of Barton Heights, is visiting Miss Couch, of Petersburg.

Mrs. I. Buford is visiting Mrs. J. J. Perry in Elizabeth City, N. C.

Mr. Powhatan Nash is visiting Mr. E. W. Jennings of Lambert's Point, Norfolk.

Miss Lulu Dunston, of Lambert's Point, is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Ora Stanley and Miss Carrie M. Reynolds are spending the summer with friends in Tazewell county.

Miss Mary F. Brown, of Cumberland county, is visiting friends at No. 620 North Sixth Street.

Dr. Russell Cecil, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, left yesterday morning for Harrodsburg, Ky., where he will visit the bedside of his brother-in-law, who is thought to be dying. While away Dr. Cecil will take his vacation. He will return to the city about the 1st of September.

Miss Eva Gude, of Highland Park, and Miss Lilla Hulcher will spend the summer at West Point.

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